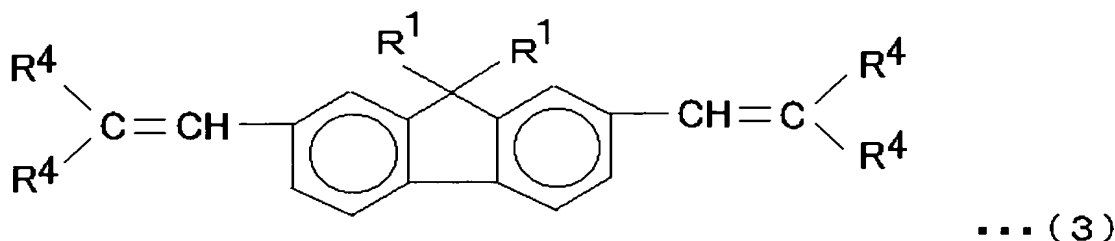


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS**  
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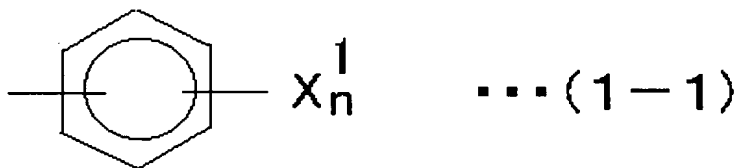
1. (Canceled).

2. (Previously Presented) A blue light-emitting compound having a chemical structure represented by formula (3):



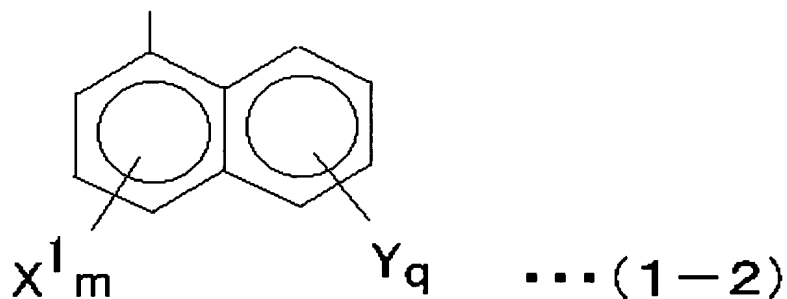
wherein  $R^1$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms, or an aryl group represented by one of formulas (1-1) to (1-4), wherein two  $R^1$ 's may be the same or different from each other; and  $R^4$  denotes a hydrogen atom, an aryl group represented by formula (3-1), or phenyl group, wherein four  $R^4$ 's may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (1-1) is:



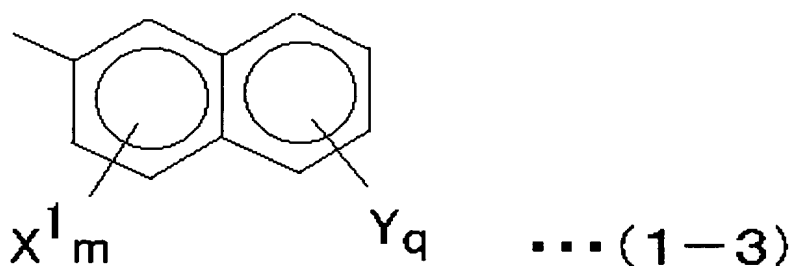
wherein  $X^1$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, at least one hydrogen atom of which is replaced with a fluorine atom, or a hydrogen atom, and  $n$  denotes an integer of 1 to 5;

the formula (1-2) is:



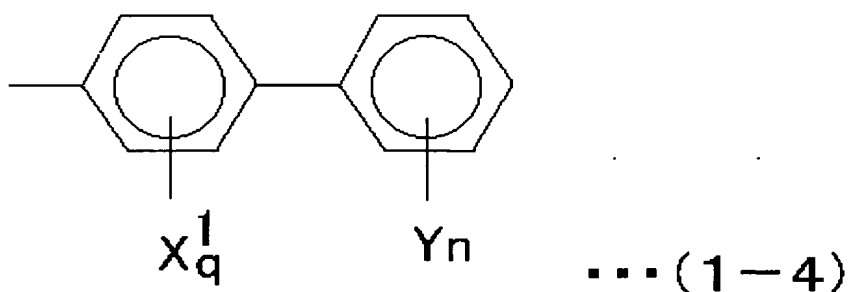
wherein  $X^1$  means the same as the above; Y means an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, at least one hydrogen atom of which is replaced with a fluorine atom, or a hydrogen atom; m denotes an integer from 1 to 3; q denotes an integer from 1 to 4; and  $X^1$  and Y may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (1-3) is:



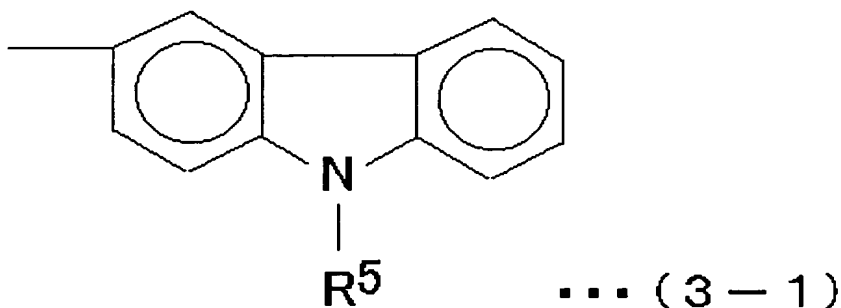
wherein  $X^1$ , Y, m and q denote the same as the above-defined, and  $X^1$  and Y may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (1-4) is:



wherein  $X^1$ , Y, n, and q denote the same as those defined above, and  $X^1$  and Y may be the same or different from each other; and

the formula (3-1) is:

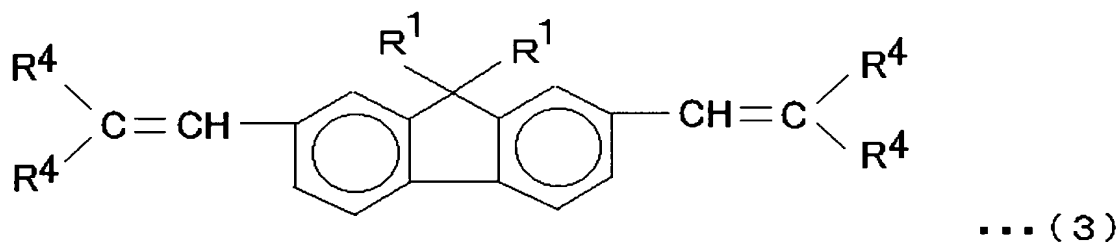


wherein  $\text{R}^5$  denotes a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

3. (Canceled).

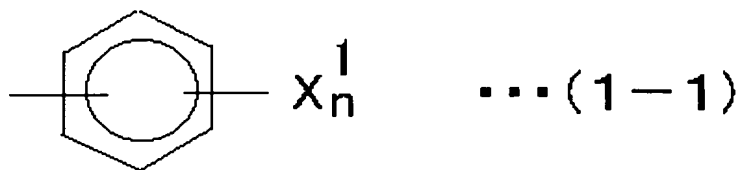
4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) A process for producing the blue light-emitting compound represented by the formula (3) in claim 2:



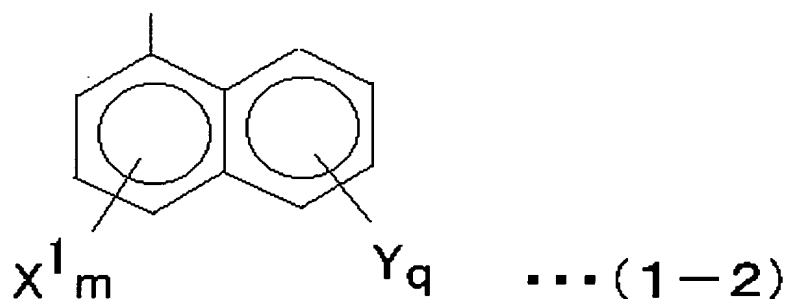
wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, a cycloalkyl group having 6 to 15 carbon atoms, or an aryl group represented by one of formulas (1-1) to (1-4), wherein two  $\text{R}^1$ 's may be the same or different from each other; and  $\text{R}^4$  denotes a hydrogen atom, an aryl group represented by formula (3-1), or phenyl group, wherein four  $\text{R}^4$ 's may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (1-1) is:



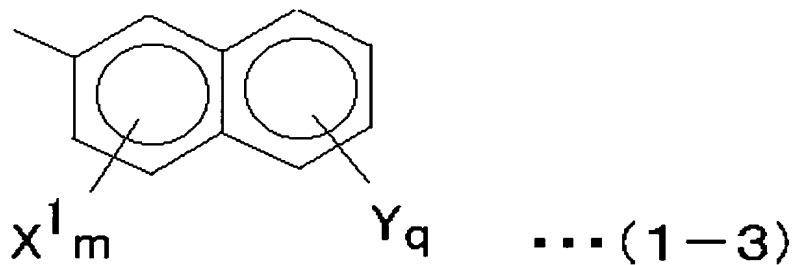
wherein  $X^1$  is an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, at least one hydrogen atom of which is replaced with a fluorine atom, or a hydrogen atom, and  $n$  denotes an integer of 1 to 5;

the formula (1-2) is:



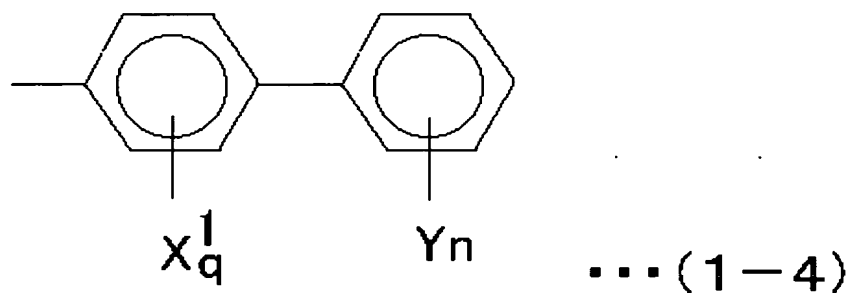
wherein  $X^1$  means the same as the above;  $Y$  means an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, at least one hydrogen atom of which is replaced with a fluorine atom, or a hydrogen atom;  $m$  denotes an integer from 1 to 3;  $q$  denotes an integer from 1 to 4; and  $X^1$  and  $Y$  may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (1-3) is:



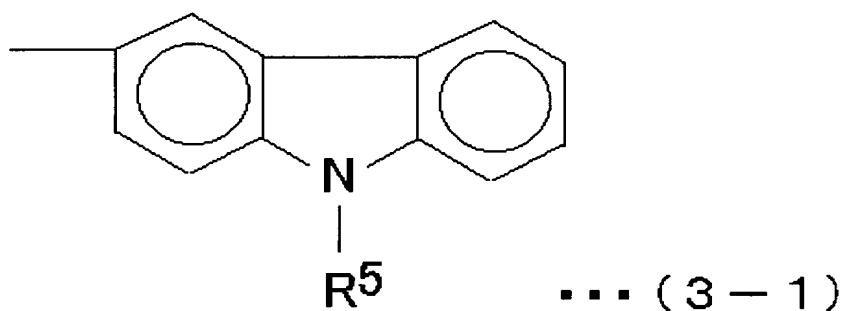
wherein  $X^1$ ,  $Y$ ,  $m$  and  $q$  denote the same as the above-defined, and  $X^1$  and  $Y$  may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (1-4) is:



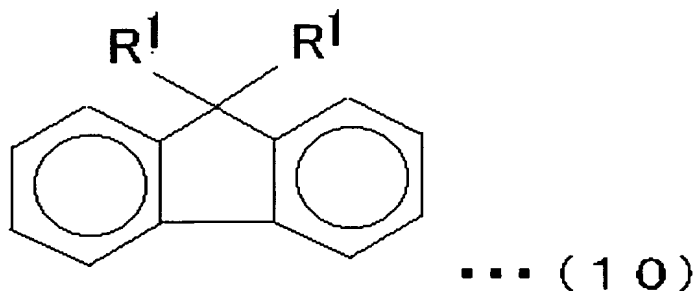
wherein  $\text{X}^1$ , Y, n, and q denote the same as those defined above, and  $\text{X}^1$  and Y may be the same or different from each other; and

the formula (3-1) is:



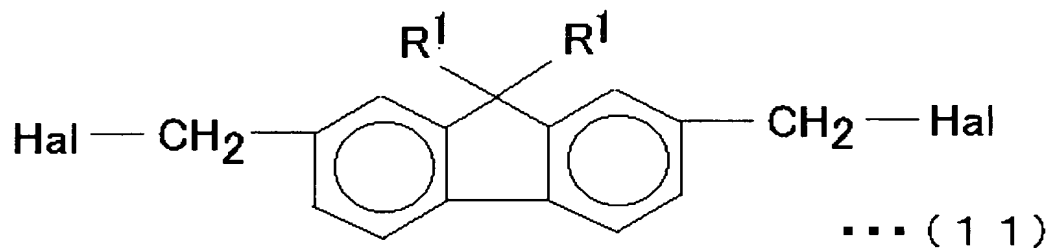
wherein  $\text{R}^5$  denotes a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms,

said process comprising halogenating a fluorene represented by formula (10) to produce an halogenated aromatic compound represented by formula (11), reacting the halogenated aromatic compound with triphenyl- phosphine to produce an organic phosphoric compound, and reacting the organic phosphoric compound with a carbonyl compound, wherein  
the formula (10) is:



wherein R¹ denotes the same as that defined in ~~claim 2~~ above; and

the formula (11) is:



wherein R¹ denotes the same as that defined in ~~claim 2~~ above, and "Hal" denotes a halogen atom.

6. (Canceled).

7. (New) A layered article including the blue light-emitting compound of claim 2.

8. (New) A layered article according to claim 7 in a form of a luminescent element comprising a light-emitting layer including the blue light-emitting compound between a pair of electrodes.